

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REPORT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2007

*Report Required by the Ethics
in Government Act of 1978
(5 U.S.C. app. §§ 101-111)*

1. Person Reporting (last name, first, middle initial) Benavides, Fortunato P	2. Court or Organization 5th Circuit Court of Appeals	3. Date of Report 05/12/2008
4. Title (Article III judges indicate active or senior status; magistrate judges indicate full- or part-time) U.S. Circuit Judge; Active	5a. Report Type (check appropriate type) <input type="checkbox"/> Nomination, Date <input type="checkbox"/> Initial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annual <input type="checkbox"/> Final 5b. <input type="checkbox"/> Amended Report	6. Reporting Period 01/01/2007 to 12/31/2007
7. Chambers or Office Address 903 San Jacinto Blvd., Rm. 450 Austin, TX 78701	8. On the basis of the information contained in this Report and any modifications pertaining thereto, it is, in my opinion, in compliance with applicable laws and regulations. Reviewing Officer _____ Date _____	

IMPORTANT NOTES: *The instructions accompanying this form must be followed. Complete all parts, checking the NONE box for each part where you have no reportable information. Sign on last page.*

I. POSITIONS. *(Reporting individual only; see pp. 9-13 of filing instructions.)*

NONE *(No reportable positions.)*

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>NAME OF ORGANIZATION/ENTITY</u>
1. Advisory Board Member	U. of Houston Law Center's Blakely Advocacy Institute's Advisory Board
2. Advisory Board Member	U. of Houston Criminal Justice Institute Advisory Board
3.	
4.	
5.	

II. AGREEMENTS. *(Reporting individual only; see pp. 14-16 of filing instructions.)*

NONE *(No reportable agreements.)*

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PARTIES AND TERMS</u>
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2.	
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III. NON-INVESTMENT INCOME. *(Reporting individual and spouse; see pp. 17-24 of filing instructions.)*

A. Filer's Non-Investment Income

NONE *(No reportable non-investment income.)*

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SOURCE AND TYPE</u>	<u>INCOME</u> <i>(yours, not spouse's)</i>
1. 2007	State of Texas Judicial Retirement System/monthly benefits for previous State Court Service-became eligible on reaching age 60 (2/2007)	\$ 52,487
2.		
3.		
4.		

B. Spouse's Non-Investment Income - *If you were married during any portion of the reporting year, complete this section.*

(Dollar amount not required except for honoraria.)

NONE *(No reportable non-investment income.)*

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SOURCE AND TYPE</u>
1. 2007	Southwest Airlines (flight attendant)
2.	
3.	
4.	

IV. REIMBURSEMENTS -- *transportation, lodging, food, entertainment.*

(Includes those to spouse and dependent children; see pp. 25-27 of filing instructions.)

NONE *(No reportable reimbursements.)*

	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>ITEMS PAID OR PROVIDED</u>
1.	Stanford University School of Law	4/19/07-4/21/07	Palo Alto, CA	Moot Court Competition	food, lodging, transportation
2.	George Mason University School of Law and Economics	7/12/07-7/15/07	Sedona, AZ	Educational Seminar	food, lodging, transportation
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V. GIFTS. *(Includes those to spouse and dependent children; see pp. 28-31 of filing instructions.)*

NONE *(No reportable gifts.)*

	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>VALUE</u>
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			

VI. LIABILITIES. *(Includes those of spouse and dependent children; see pp. 32-33 of filing instructions.)*

NONE *(No reportable liabilities.)*

	<u>CREDITOR</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>VALUE CODE</u>
1.	Southwestern Life Ins. Co.	loan against policy	J
2.			
3.			
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VII. INVESTMENTS and TRUSTS – income, value, transactions (Includes those of spouse and dependent children; see pp. 34-60 of filing instructions.)

NONE (No reportable income, assets, or transactions.)

A. Description of Assets (including trust assets) Place "(X)" after each asset exempt from prior disclosure	B. Income during reporting period		C. Gross value at end of reporting period		D. Transactions during reporting period				
	(1) Amount Code 1 (A-H)	(2) Type (e.g., div., rent, or int.)	(1) Value Code 2 (J-P)	(2) Value Method Code 3 (Q-W)	(1) Type (e.g., buy, sell, redemption)	(2) Date Month - Day	(3) Value Code 2 (J-P)	(4) Gain Code 1 (A-H)	(5) Identity of buyer/seller (if private transaction)
1. Chase Bank of TX, Austin TX, Related Ckg & Sav. Acct.	A	Interest	K	T					
2. Chase Bank of TX, Austin, TX; IRA Savings Acct.;	A	Interest	J	T					
3. Principle Financial Group, Common Stock	A	Dividend	J	T					
4. Van Kampen Mutual Fund-ACEGX		None	J	T					
5. Van Kampen Mutual Fund-MGEAX		None	K	T					
6. 401K-Vanguard Institutional Index Fund		None	L	T					
7. 401K-Harbor Capital Appreciation Fund		None	L	T					
8. 401K-EuroPac Growth Fund-R5 (RERFX)		None	M	T					
9. 401K-Dodge&Cox Stock Fund		None	L	T					
10. SW Airlines Profit Sharing Plan-Harbor Capital Appreciation		None	L	T					
11. SW Airlines Profit Sharing Plan-EuroPac Gr. Fund-R5(RERFX)		None	L	T					
12. SW Airlines Profit Sharing-Dodge&Cox Stock Fund		None	L	T					
13. SW Airlines Profit Sharing-Vanguard Inst. Index Fund		None	L	T					
14. Southwest Airlines ESPP Acct.-SW Airlines common Stock	A	Dividend	K	T					
15. Royalty Interest, Starr County, TX	C	Royalty	K	W					
16. University Federal Credit Union, Austin, TX (CD)	A	Interest	K	T					
17.									

1. Income Gain Codes: (See Columns B1 and D4)	A = \$1,000 or less F = \$50,001 - \$100,000	B = \$1,001 - \$2,500 G = \$100,001 - \$1,000,000	C = \$2,501 - \$5,000 H1 = \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	D = \$5,001 - \$15,000 H2 = More than \$5,000,000	E = \$15,001 - \$50,000
2. Value Codes (See Columns C1 and D3)	J = \$15,000 or less N = \$250,001 - \$500,000 P3 = \$25,000,001 - \$50,000,000	K = \$15,001 - \$50,000 O = \$500,001 - \$1,000,000	L = \$50,001 - \$100,000 P1 = \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000 P4 = More than \$50,000,000	M = \$100,001 - \$250,000 P2 = \$5,000,001 - \$25,000,000	
3. Value Method Codes (See Column C2)	Q = Appraisal U = Book Value	R = Cost (Real Estate Only) V = Other	S = Assessment W = Estimated	T = Cash Market	

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VIII. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR EXPLANATIONS. *(Indicate part of Report.)*

VI. Items 2 and 3 from 2006 report not reported as they did not exceed \$10,000 at any time during the reporting period covered by this report.

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IX. CERTIFICATION.

I certify that all information given above (including information pertaining to my spouse and minor or dependent children, if any) is accurate, true, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that any information not reported was withheld because it met applicable statutory provisions permitting non-disclosure.

I further certify that earned income from outside employment and honoraria and the acceptance of gifts which have been reported are in compliance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. app. § 501 et. seq., 5 U.S.C. § 7353, and Judicial Conference regulations.



NOTE: ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO KNOWINGLY AND WILFULLY FALSIFIES OR FAILS TO FILE THIS REPORT MAY BE SUBJECT TO CIVIL AND CRIMINAL SANCTIONS (5 U.S.C. app. § 104)

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